

Rare Plants of Louisiana



Tephrosia hispidula - hoary pea Pea Family (Fabaceae)

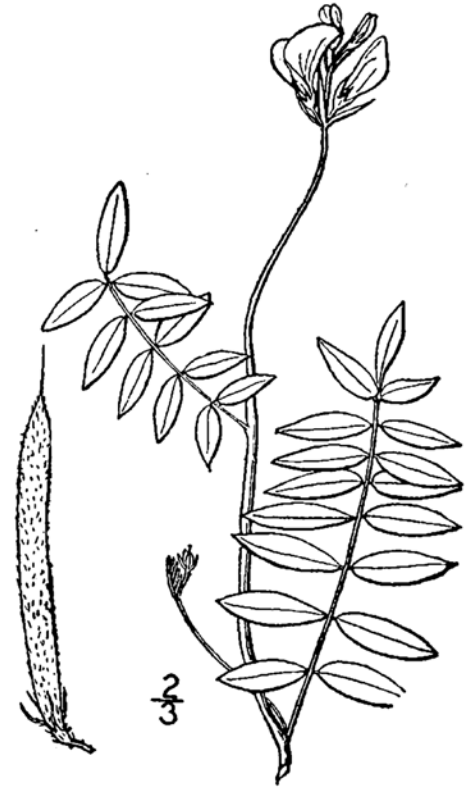
Rarity Rank: (S2?/G4G5)

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Range: AL, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, SC, VA

Recognition:

- Decumbent to erect, perennial herb, 10 to 50 cm tall, with once-pinnately compound leaves
- Stems wiry with short (< 0.5 mm) ascending or appressed hairs
- Leaves compound, on short stalks, with 9 to 13 curved, elliptic leaflets
- Flowering stalks are up to 15 cm long, producing 2 to 4 flowers which are yellowish to white when new, turning red with age; corolla 10 to 15 mm long
- Fruit is a flat, oblong, hairy legume about 5 cm long



USDA-NRCS PLANTS Database / Britton, N.L., and A. Brown. 1913. *An illustrated flora of the northern United States, Canada and the British Possessions*. Vol. 2: 373.

Flowering Time: May to October

Light Requirement: Full sun to part shade

Wetland Indicator Status:

Does not occur in wetlands anywhere in range

Habitat:

Longleaf pine flatwoods savannahs.

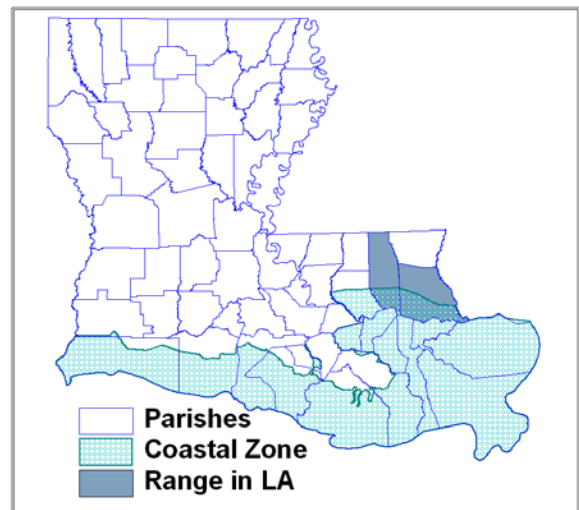
Threats:

- Conversion of habitat to pine plantations, including site prep (herbicides, bedding) and dense tree spacing (shading)
- Residential and commercial development
- Fire exclusion

Beneficial Management Practices:

- Thinning of overstocked forests (during very dry periods)
- Prescribed burning using growing season (May - June) burns

LA River Basins: Pearl, Pontchartrain



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